Applies To: **1998 Accord LEV M/T LX and EX** – ALL U.S. Built (VIN begins with 1HG) **February 26, 2004**
1999 Accord LEV M/T LX and EX – From VIN 1HGCG31..XA000001 thru 1HGCG31..XA013356
– From VIN 1HGCG55..XA000001 thru 1HGCG55..XA090325
– From VIN JHMCG55..XC000001 thru JHMCG55..XC043602

Product Update: Throttle Body Air Bleed Screw

BACKGROUND

During some driving conditions, the vehicle may emit a level of emissions that exceeds state and federal emissions standards.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign. An example of the customer notification is at the end of this service bulletin.

Before beginning work on a vehicle, verify its eligibility by checking at least one of these items:

- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on an iN VIN status inquiry.

In addition to the bulleted verification items, check for a punch mark above the 10th character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this campaign has already been done.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your used vehicle inventory. Those vehicles must be repaired before they are sold or leased. To see if a vehicle is affected by this campaign, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

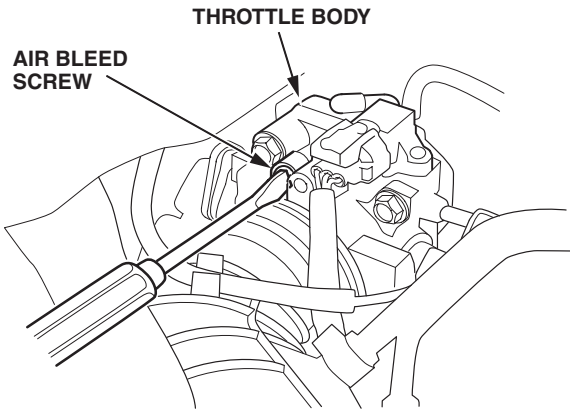
Adjust the throttle body air bleed screw.

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number:	120303
Flat Rate Time:	0.2 hour
Failed Part:	P/N 16400-PAA-A11 H/C 5428982
Defect Code:	5AJ
Symptom Code:	P21
Template ID:	04-011A
Skill Level:	Repair Technician

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. If needed, expose the air bleed screw by removing the material covering it.



2. Turn the air bleed screw clockwise until it's fully seated. Do not overtighten the screw.
3. Turn the air bleed screw counterclockwise two full turns.
4. Do the idle learn procedure:
   - Make sure all electrical items (A/C, audio unit, lights, etc.) are off, then start the engine.
   - Let the engine reach normal operating temperature (the cooling fans cycle twice).
   - Let the engine idle (throttle fully closed) for 10 minutes.
5. Center-punch a completion mark above the 10th character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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Skill Level **R** REPAIR

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

6. **For California residents only:** Fill out and give to your customer a *Vehicle Emission Recall - Proof of Correction* certificate. On the certificate, write down P21 as the Recall Number. Advise your customer to keep this certificate as proof that the product update was completed. They will need to submit this certificate to the DMV if the DMV requests it. A supply of these salmon-colored certificates was sent to your service manager. If you need more, use reorder number Y0657.

Example of Client Notification

March 2004

Product Update: Throttle Body Air Bleed Screw

Dear Accord Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

What is the reason for this notice?

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has found that certain 1998–99 Accords do not meet state and federal emissions regulations. During some driving conditions, your vehicle may emit a level of emissions above standards set by the EPA and CARB.

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda dealer, and make an appointment to have your vehicle updated. The dealer will adjust the air bleed screw on your vehicle's throttle body. This work will be done *free of charge*. Please plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

California Residents – After doing the repair, your dealer will give you a *Proof of Correction* certificate. Keep this certificate for your records as proof that the product update was completed. Submit this certificate to the DMV only if they request it.

What to do if you feel this notice is in error.

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 1998–99 Accord involved in this update. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

If you have questions.

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at (800) 999-1009, and select menu option #2.

We apologize for any inconvenience this update may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Division